# A Woman's Exile in Siberia

MME. Kathrine Breshkoosky Prison Life.

The sweet, simple face of Mme. Kathrine Breshkoosky is a surprise to those who see her after hearing the story of the sufferings and hardships she has undergone in con-sequence of her connection with the social revolutionists in Russis. She is now in New York and last week spoke at Cooper Union on the situation in Russia. Her maiden name was Kathrine Verego,

and she comes of an aristocratic family founded six centuries ago. She is of pure Slav race, although she smiles when her features are scanned. Good humoredly she touches her broad cheek bones.

"The Tartar sign, you think? Yes. We have many of us these traits from centuries

She is tall, strong, gentle, calm. Her voice is deep and musical. Years of hard-ship and suffering and the sight of it in

others have not made her voice or her

complexion, for a woman of 60 who has becomes more strict.

Tells of Her Attempt to Aid the Russian Peasants and of Her

impressive with her extreme quiet. "It is another world, another life. One cannot see anything, one cannot hear anything. Nothing new ever occurs, the outside life is lost. Time is utterly monotonous and hard to endure. You get used to this only imperfectly. After one week in prison you know what it is forever.

"But prison has a secret life, an under-ground activity. Prisoners are intensely cute in learning to find out what happens

floor, as signals. If a box or a book is received, or in any way a scrap of paper, it is used. In a book passed from one to another a prisoner learns to read the tiny dots of a cipher pricked on an inconspicu-ous page. Sometimes on the walks which we are permitted we catch sight of a mere scrap, a sign of one kind or another left

by some one going ahead.

"But if this is discovered, if these signs sympathetic. A deep sadness may be seen, are found out, a prisoner is no longer al-but no fretfulness, no impatience. Her lowed the walk or the book, and the regime



served sentence of imprisonment and exile at hard labor in the severity of Siberian climate and conditions, is wonderfully freeh and very little lined. Her eyes are a fresh blue and are not sunken, her mouth is marvellously delicate in expression, her brow broad and smooth, her hair of a delightful mixture of pure white and jet black. cut short across the nape of the neck.

It is in her figure that Mme. Breshkoosky shows the signs of a life calculated either to kill or to give extraordinary strength. Her back is as broad and vigorous as that of a peasant, but she has very little stoop in her great shoulders.

"I think I was always a sincere child," Mme. Breshkoosky said in excellent French. "I saw even then such injustice, such misery, all about me. I was, as the daughter of a rich nobleman, well educated. We were landed proprietors, among others where every noble house was surrounded by

"I saw a great contrast between the ife of the nobles and that of the peasants. My mother was a sympathetic woman, and we felt sympathy for the poor people, starved and miserable. If they met us they bowed before us with servility. If they asked for this or that, it was with crushing humility.

"I began to think. Then I began to help, to teach, to try to alleviate their sufferings. Friends said to me," and she smiled, "they said: 'You are young. When you grow a little older you will be interested in other things. Yes. When you

"I was married, but still I labored for these people, to teach, to explain to them their own natures, to arrange libraries. Then friends said: 'As soon as you have something of your own to work for, you

will let this dangerous matter alone.' "But even after my child was born I continued to work for my people, for whom I still cherished the deepest sympathy. Then, in that same year, I was arrested.

"The Government did not permit these things. The first time I was arrested I begged my mother to continue in the work. I went away to learn the world. I sought examples for help in other governments to find if I could do more for the peasant I found others who were working for them

-not revolutionaries, not Nihilists. No. We were all eager to help, to educate cil were aware they were persecuted by the police. The schools were closed, many

abuses were existing and increasing.
"We resolved to form a secret society,
in St. Petersburg, in Moscow, in every town, to tell the people the truth, to tell those who could not read that they were slaves. Our purpose was to reach all. And so every year we arranged to visit every town in Russia, according to time, teaching, teaching.

"The Government discovered us. More than 2,000 were arrested, dispersed, im- I suffered. prisoned. For four years many of those in the prisons were without sentence. Many

could not be accused of anything.

"The nights in prison are terrible. One does not sleep for cold and mental activity. One hears some one in the next cell pacing pacing, a neighbor who walks up and down; one hears a horrible cry-some one has gone mad; one hears the tramp of those carrying a burden-some one has died-and then the silence!

"Four years without trial-there were 300 of us, and at the end of that time were left only 193 prisoners. The first year, at Mosoow, was severe; the last three were spent at the Peter and Paul Fortress of St. Petersburg.

"Then we went to Siberia. I was in th Siberian prisons for eighteen years. "Now I will tell you what has never been told in America:

"When I finished my term I was sent to a little Siberian town, an exile. There were also many exiled persons who passed all their lives in this place. These towns are made up of ex-convicts, a very different class from the political exiles.

"These rough, brutal persons of the criminal classes are at large here, living. bringing children into the world. Life is not safe in such places. After dark any one may be killed. A coachman may be a murderer, a cook may have poisoned a

"From this town some of us decided to take flight. As we could not go by railroad or train or by any open road, we had to escape by the way of the precipitous mountains, the thick frozen forests. We fled over the Eppel Mountains. We wanted to come to America. Our plans were entirely

"After a time we came to that great force which is so wild, so large-we came into the Taigo. We were there a whole month without shelter, without comfort, in the deep Siberian winter, lying for rest on the snow, always with a fear of being hunted.

"We had four horses, upon one of which were our supplies, a load of biscuits, tea, blankets. We could make fires here and

"Many prisoners, exiles, criminals, esca through this great forest; many perish. But much trouble is taken, much money is spent, in searching for those who take

refuge here, who are escaping. "At last fifty peasants on horseback found us—after a month in those woods

We were taken. I received a sentence of four years at hard labor.

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"All through we were badly treated, labored very hard, felt the deepest despair and misery," and the manner of this simple, strong, old woman became more contemplative. "I spent there the most beautiful years of my life. At first I had been the only woman. But now I was among other women prisoners. They were so brave, so fine, so hopeful; they were noble, great souls: their society was so beautiful to me, so wonderful in congeniality, that I regard the time as a recompense-yes, for all that

"This prison was at Baikal, near the lake

of that name.
"I have seen such noble actions, such "Those who have not been in cellar prisons, in solitary confinement, cannot understand what it means." The speech of Mme. Breshkoosky, always slow, became die, seen tender girls given over to convicts

and officers, and beautiful minds grow demented, and I have even learned to ignore it all, as well as the reeking filth, the nauseating sights, the horrible deeds."

Mms. Breshkoosky was questioned concerning the baby she had been forced to leave, and about her husband. The latter died a short time after the was imprisoned. The child was brought up by a relative. The child was brought up by a relative. The son, who was born the year of her arrest, she never saw until he was 22. He was brought up in a manner so different from her own ideas that he is practically

a stranger.

"But these are merely personal affairs," she said. "No one will take an interest in them. When a whole people, a whole country, is suffering, is in great distress, what clo the feelings, the private affairs of an individual count?

"What is important for Russia is im-portant for the whole civilized world. I am satisfied with the American people, I am contented here. But I do not want to die away from my own country, from the land of my birth.

"I see a country that can be emancipated and now I see more friends to help us."

She sat smiling like a child on the platform at a mass meeting the other night. Mme. Breshkoosky is so sweet, so dignified, so utterly without self-conscione can hardly credit the story of her ter-rible life. She looks to be a woman who has never pitied berself.

Her friends wish to keep her out of harm's way. But her life work is still to be carried on. She wishes to go backto Russia, really for the sake of the struggle. But she says, always simply, always beautifully:

"I do not wish to die anywhere but in my own country."

CENSORED POSTERS. Results of the City Marshal's Supervision

of Billboards at Springfield. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.-There being

a notion that the posters displayed in this city needed looking after, the city marshal was recently authorized to exercise a censorship over all lithographs intended to adorn billboards here. The advance agents of theatrical companies have since been undecided whether to storm and rage, or to roar with laughter at

"What Women Will Do," was the first attraction which came under the mershal's pruning knife. He shook his head. "Dreadful! dreadful!" he exclaimed. Why, women will do anything! No sir-ee!

That title won't go!" In vain the advance agent pleaded that women did noble deeds, did cooking, washing and all sorts of harmless things; the marshal was obdurate.

"Just think what they might do," he answered with bated breath. And the title was doctored to read, "What - Will Do," the word "women" being

povered with a strip of red paper. A picture of a shipwreck scene, s owing a sinking vessel, some persons on nearby rocks and two men in a struggle on a spar, was ruled out at once, for beneath were the ords, "Life for a Life," and the marshal had a suspicion that there was some killing about it. He had received strict orders about billboard murders especiall; so the shipwrock scene was thrown into the waste

was about to pay a forfeit. The marshal's finger was jabbed into the background.

"That!" he said in a voice of thunder.

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"Certainly, young man," came in firm tones. "But, what—what is that sticking out of the basket? Bottles, bottles, sir! Do you suppose that Springfield will stand for bottles on its billboards?"

"But that's only lemonade," pleaded the lithograph man. "Did you ever hear of a picnic without bottles of lemonade? Now I put it to you, as man to man, could you go to a picnic and eat six or seven sandwiches without a sip of cold coffee or lemonade to wash them down?"

"How do I know it isn't champagne?" snapped the marshal. "I tell you it looks suspicious. If they contained only cold coffee, why didn't you put 'em out in plain sight instead of partly hiding them in the basket? No, sir-e-e-e."

And over the bottles the marshal pasted a sheet of brown paper.

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A revolver in the hands of a burglar was next plastered over with white paper, and the dagger in the hands of a ferocious maiden was concealed in a similar manner. The word "damn" received three layers of paper, for fear it might force its way through one layer, especially as the small boy's curiosity is now so aroused that he spends all his spare moments guessing what is behind those forbidding papers.

The biliboards of the city now look like patchwork. The patches are of all colors and shapes, and they conceal all sorts and conditions of things.

The fly damsel lifts a bit of manila paper to her lips instead of a sparkling glass of wine, the bad man pushes a gob of paper in the face of the here, the criminal breaks down the iron bars of his prison with a stout strip of red paper instead of a hatchet, and the den of iniquity is so besprinkled with white paper that it looks as if it had been struck by a severe blizzard.

CONTRASTS OF CITY LIFE.

Persons Who Handle the Luxuries of Life but Are Pressed for the Necessities. "Many are the ways of living in a great city," said the treasurer of an uptown club.
"That man who went out as you came in

is an example.
"His business is hunting game. He is employed by this club and several house-bolders to procure game in season.

"He lives up in The Broux and has a large family to support. Notwithstanding his success in procuring game, I know that he has not tasted a bite of game of any sort

in years.
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"On the contrary, his table in the meat line is decidedly frugal. He told me one day that he had not tasted qualifor so long that he would not know what it was if it were served to him when he was blindfolded.

"Well, it's the same old story all over town. A diamond expert in one of the big houses in New York is so poor that he walks home at night, a long distance, to save carfare.

"A woman who is employed by three families to make the purchases for their tables has all children dependent upon her earnings. One who is familiar with her life assures me that her little ones are sometimes half fee, although the mother is as generous in supplying their wants as her means will permit.

"I once knew a man in this town who was the purchaser of the wines used in a big hotel. When he was dying he told his physician that he had never felt himself able to buy anything for himself in the line of drinks except beer. He died nearly a pauper, not because he was extravagant, but because of the demands made upon his purse by a large family."

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Our Annual Sale of White Goods Involving Over \$250,000 Worth of Merchandise

Starts Tuesday Morning. This sale of dainty Undergarments and kindred lines of White Goods should prove to be the greatest by far in the history of Macy's. Preparations for it have been going on for months, the stocks collected greatly exceed any we have ever before gathered for a White Sale, and the values, in many instances, are better than those of the wonderful sale we con-

ducted one year ago. The list we give to-day—large as it is--is ibarely representative of the enormous assortments. The very low priced lines are entirely omitted from the details below, yet they are here just the same. and in abundant quantities. These White Goods stocks will be found on the second floor, also on the main floor and in the basement, the lowest priced lines being confined to the basement.

Very Special--French Lingerie

Hand-Embroidered Bridal Trousseaux, Five Pieces, \$12.49 Value Very Conservatively Placed

at Twenty Dollars The Trousseaux include walking skirts, night gown, drawers, corset cover and chemise, made of fine nainsook; every piece hand-made and hand-embroidered by deft-fingered French needle-workers. In the collection are four different

This offering is designed to introduce our newly arrived stocks of French Lingerie—assortments that we believe have no parallel in an American store.

## Women's Suits, Coats and Furs Figuring in Remarkable Value Giving Events Starting Tuesday.

Suits at \$16.74.

special pur-chase collec-Value \$25.00 tion of 130 excellent Suits made up

of various mixtures. There are three our regular stocks. They are blue, models to choose from—a loose-fitting black and brown Suits, in the long coat models to choose from—a loose-fitting long coat style, a medium length coat and a new chic blouse model designed for 1905; all have new skirts.

black and brown Suits, in the long coat and jaunty Eton effects, all trimmed with braid—all splendidly tailored; skirts are pleated models.

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Women's

Coats \$8.49 Coats, made of bourette cheviot; double-Coats \$10.96
Value \$18.00
Coats, made of fine black kersey, 30 inches long, with double-breasted box front, semi-fitting back, black satin lining, full leg-o'-mutton sleeves; collarless neck; trimmed with velvet and fancy braids. front semi-fitting back; coat collar and well shaped revers, full sleeves with cuffs; entire garment well tailored and lined with heavy black satin.

Coats \$14.96 bourette cheviot, broad-cloth trimmed,

Coats \$17.96 very fine ker-value \$25.00 splendidly tailhandsomely tailored; 30-inch length, full box front and semi-fitting back full front, semi-fitting back, 46-inch

Women's Silk Waists.

At \$1.98-Made of China silk.

buttoned back, pointed yoke effect, trimmed below yoke, with two rows of lace insertions, shirring and tucks; tucked back, trimmed stock collar.

At \$3.96-Made of Chiffon Taffeta,

tucked and prettily trimmed with silk braid; French back; fancy stock collar; sold elsewhere at \$6.00.

Better qualities up to ..... \$49.79

Women's Flannel

Waists.

At 99c—Made of French Twill Flannel, tucked front, French back; in black, navy blue and red; worth \$1.50.

Better qualities up to ..... \$3.84

Colored Petticoats.

Made of black Sateen, trimmed with umbrella-shaped ruffle, stitched nar-

Silk Petticoats,

Made of black taffeta silk, trimmed

Better qualities up to ...... \$42.79

Corsets.

Thompson's Glove-fitting Corsets, in black only, straight front, bias cut, medium bust and hip; trimmed with lace and ribbon; sizes 18 to 30 inches; sold elsewhere at 85c.; our price. 24c

"C. B." Corsets, with slight manufacturers' imperfections, made of imported white coutil; short and dip hip, low bust, bias cut, trimmed with lace and ribbon; sizes 18 to 28 inches; sold elsewhere at \$1.50; our price 59e

Better qualities up to ...... \$15.96

Women's Coats at \$21.96; Made to Sell at \$30.00. Coats made of very fine panne cheviot, 46 inches long, semi-fitting, hand-somely trimmed with velvet and fancy braids and lined with black satin. This is a very graceful and stylish model, with full fancy sleeves and collarless neck.

#### Infants' and Children's Wear. LONG SLIPS.

Nainsook, Bishop style, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace edging 16c Nainsook, Bishop style, trimmed with embroidery beading neck and sleeves finished with lace edging 29c Nainsook, Bishop style, trimmed with embroidery beading and ribbon; neck and sleeves finished with lace

LONG DRESSES. English \* Nainsook, tucked yoke, neck and sleeves finished with lace edging; deep hem on skirt.......24c English Nainsook, yoke trimmed with one row of insertion and hem-stitched tucks; neck and sleeves finished with lace edging; deep hem on

English Nainsook, round yoke formed of hemstitching and lace insertions; skirt finished with deep hem and one row of lace insertion... 89e SHORT DRESSES.

English Nainsook, Bishop style,, trimmed with embroidery beading ribbon; neck and sleeves finished 

of hemstitching and lace insertions; skirt finished with deep hem and lace 

new products of both foreign and domestioned organdy rage, organdle lisse, scotch chambray, scotch check zephyrs, scotch tartan plaids, irish printed muslins, mercerized panama suitings, silk organdies, organdy carreaux, silk ginghams, voile darling, scotch ginghams,

SCOTCH GINGHAMS.

Tuesday-Opening Display of

Wash Fabrics for the Spring of 1905

We aim to make this a thoroughly representative showing of the best of the new products of both foreign and domestic mills. Among them you will see:—
ORGANDY RAGE,
ORGANDIE LISSE,
MERCERIZED TAFFETAS AND

**High Class Garments** for Misses and Children Offered at About Half Value.

Involved are Children's Dresses, Gretchens, Skirts and Misses' Jackets a manufacturer's entire surplus-at prices phenomenally low for garments of such worthy character.

This lot of Chil-Dresses. dren's Dresses comprises about 250 in all-high neck, Russian and sailor styles, in pretty plaids cheviots and fancy mixtures, variously trimmed; colors blue, brown and red; sizes 6 to 14 years—in three divisions:—1st. \$4.96 2d. \$3.96 3d. \$2.96

Children's Gretchens, made Gretchens. of various fablarly desirable for winter service—the variety including both plain and trimmed garments, in sizes from 6

to 14 years—in three divisions:— 1st. \$6.96 2d. \$5.96 3d. \$4.96 Children's Spencer Skirts-ideally ser-Skirts. viceable gar men ts,
made of stripe and
plaid wash fabrics, with full kilted
skirts; sizes 6 to 12 years; made to
sell at \$1.50 each; sale price.....98c MISSES' JACKETS-sizes 14 to 18 \$10.96 and \$13.96.

Women's Cotton Waists At 49c-Made of polks-dotted vest-ing, tucked back and front; sold else-

where at 80c.

At 69c—Made of sheer white India linon, trimmed down front with tucks and three rows of blind embroidery insertion; tucked back, stock of embroidery insertions.

At \$1.49 — Made of sheer white India linon, front tucked and of hand-drawn Mexican work; also

Mexican work; also
Made of sheer white Persian linon,
entire front formed of tucks, lace and Swiss embroidery insertions, tucked back and sleeve; fancy stock collar.

Better qualities up to \$15.96.

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Pink and Blue

Transfer Cards and

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inches wide-Elsewhere 75c. a pair; our price 49e Elsewhere \$1.25 a pair; our price 98e Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains, with

Oriental Striped Tapestry Portieres, fringed top and bottom-

Elsewhere \$3.25 a pair; our price \$2.49 Elsewhere \$3.75 a pair; our price \$2.98

Elsewhere \$2.95 a pair; our price \$2.24

### Clearance Sale of Fifty Three and Five Piece Parlor Suits. Prices 1/4 to 1/2 Under Regular.

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At \$84.67—Parior Suit; was \$110.49
At \$90.96—Library Suit; was \$141.96
At \$126.49—Library Suit; was \$141.96
At \$103.49—Parior Suit; was \$136.96
At \$103.49—Parior Suit; was \$134.96
At \$105.96—Parior Suit; was \$134.96
At \$105.96—Parior Suit; was \$179.96

## Specials in Our Wine Department.

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Regular price, gal....\$2.94; bot., 74e

Special price, gal....\$2.44; bot., 54c

Special price, gal....\$4 18; bot., 84e 

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